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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

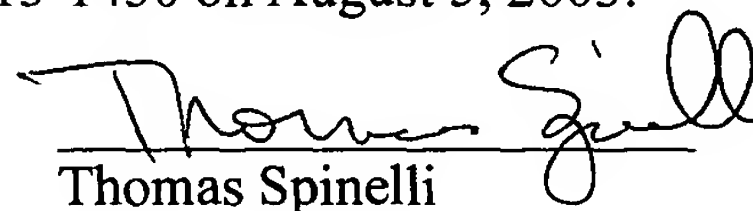
1. U.S. Patent No. 6,119,913, dated September 19, 2000, issued to Adams et al.;
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 11-506943, dated June 22, 1999 together with an English abstract from corresponding PCT application no. WO 96/18344; and
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